(b) Yes, Sir. There was a deviation from project proposal in regard to fee charged and the frequency of the training.

(c) Yes, Sir. Necessary approval of the Council was obtained for the above deviation.

Famine in Rajasthan

†2499. DR. ABRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds demanded by Rajasthan Government from the Central Government during the last three years, to overcome the famine, the amount of assistance sanctioned and paid to the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is likely to face severe famine due to absence of rain and whether the State Government has given any memorandum in this regard; and

(c) if so, the plans being formulated by Government to combat the famine this year in Rajasthan, and in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) In addition to release of entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 1999-2000 to 2001-2002, details of additional assistance provided to the State in the wake of drought is indicated below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Assistance demanded	Assistance released
1999-2000	1144.40	102.93
2000-01	2367.80	163.97

No memorandum for assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of 2001-02 drought was received from the State Government.

Expenses for PIL by ICAR

2500. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.